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The Honorable Jared Huffman
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom McClintock
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and
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The Honorable Martha
McSally Chair
Subcommittee on Water and Power
Committee on Energy and Natural
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez
Masto Ranking Member
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Dear Chairs Huffman and McSally and Ranking Members McClintock and Cortez Masto:

On behalf of the Hill Irrigation District, I write in support of the reauthorization of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (Program) and the companion Platte River Recovery Implementation Authorization bills (H.R. 3237 and S. 990).

The Program is a partnership that provides benefits for T&E species in the central and lower Platte River basin while allowing existing water use to continue and new upstream water development to proceed. It's a proactive effort to reestablish and protect whooping crane, least tern, piping plover, and pallid sturgeon habitat, for protection of the species, yet allows for the beneficial use of water, for the protection of our economies.

Hill Irrigation District advocates for the reauthorization of the Program as it functions as the reasonable and prudent alternative for ESA compliance regarding the four species, thereby reducing the regulatory burden on our water users. As has been stated by the governors of Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado, it is a national model for collaborative solutions to common problems. We hope you will support the reauthorization of this important Program.

Thank you, 

Steve Feagler
President

CC: Chairman Raul M. Grieve, Committee on Natural Resources
Ranking Member Rob Bishop, Committee on Natural Resources
Chair Lisa Murkowski, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Ranking Member Manchin, committee on energy and Natural Resources
Rep. Liz Cheney, Wyoming At Large
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Sen. Michael Enzi, Wyoming